GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to work out a National Scheme for Emergency Health Care;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this Scheme is likely to be provided zero delay treatment in the cases of emergency patients in any corner of the country;

(d) whether the Government propose to include private sector in this scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)to(f) Government of India, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has proposed to take up pilot projects to augment and upgrade the Accident and Emergency Services in selected State Government hospitals which fall in most accident prone areas of National Highways. All State & UT Governments have been requested to select one town/city located on a National Highway and prepare a project for up-gradation and strengthening of Emergency facilities of a State sector hospital for consideration of financial assistance. Recently, a workshop was held by JIPMER, Pondicherry titled `Evolving strategies for the National Programme on Emergency Medical Care`. The draft proposal circulated as the agenda papers in the Workshop is being examined. At this stage Government is not sure how much time it will take in its implementation.